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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Peter Palese, et al	Confirmation No.: 7591
Serial No.: 09/396,539	Art Unit: 1636
Filed: September 14, 1999	Examiner: T. McKelvey
For: RECOMBINANT NEGATIVE STRAND RNA VIRUS EXPRESSION SYSTEMS AND VACCINES	Attorney Docket No.: 26-003700US

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Communication, mailed August 8, 2002, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider the following remarks and enter the following amendment. Applicants submit herewith:

- (1) A copy of the Office communication mailed on August 8, 2002;
- (2) A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for four months accompanied by the appropriate fee;
- (3) A Submission of a Substitute Sequence Listing in paper form;
- (4) A Substitute Sequence Listing in computer-readable form; and,
- (5) A Marked-up Version of the Amended Paragraphs (Exhibit A) and a copy of the claims as currently pending upon entry of the amendment (Exhibit B).

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Marked-up version of the following amended paragraphs are attached as Exhibit A.

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 73, please replace the paragraph beginning, "In order to get the flanking